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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A waterproof grommet comprising:

an elastic grommet main body, having a bellows portion, passing an electric wire therethrough and two opposed ends, a first end arranged to be fixed to a fixed structure and a second end arranged to be fixed to a movable structure; and

a hold member being disposed on an outer surface of said grommet main body at an intermediate portion in a lengthwise direction of said grommet main body, whereby said hold member is mountable on a mounting part.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A waterproof grommet ~~according to claim 1,~~
comprising:

an elastic grommet main body passing an electric wire therethrough;

a hold member being disposed on an outer surface of said grommet main body at an intermediate portion in a lengthwise direction of said grommet main body, whereby said hold member is mountable on a mounting part;

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wherein said grommet main body has a cylindrical portion and bellows portions at the both side thereof, and wherein said hold member is disposed on said cylindrical portion.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The waterproof grommet according to claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein said hold member comprises a ring portion and a hold portion provided at said ring portion, said ring portion capable of being opened and closed and capable of being locked.

Claim 4 (Original): The waterproof grommet according to claim 3, wherein said hold portion comprises a pair of hook portions for holding a hinge link.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The waterproof grommet according to ~~any one of~~ claim 4, wherein said hold member is a rigid member.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The waterproof grommet according to ~~any one of~~ claim 5, wherein said cylindrical portion is continued to said bellows portion through a peripheral flange.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The waterproof grommet according to ~~any one of~~ claim 3, wherein said cylindrical portion is provided with a projecting portion, and said ring portion is provided with an engaging portion corresponding to said projecting portion.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The waterproof grommet according to claim 7, wherein a ~~pair of said projecting portions is oppositely disposed, said cylindrical portion is provided with a pair of projecting portions, one of said pair being at each end of said cylindrical portion,~~ and right-and-left side marks are provided respectively on said pair of projecting portions or in a vicinity of said pair of projecting portions, and a direction mark for pointing one of said right-and-left side marks is provided on said ring portion.

Claim 9 (Original): The waterproof grommet according to claim 8, wherein a plurality of projections for preventing crushing and checking position is disposed together with said projecting portions on a same straight line at said bellows portion.